

MISSOURI A&A NEWSLETTER

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From the President...

*Ardith Finke, 2002-2003
President*

“When you think at that moment that it is possible – then the magic starts.” – Siegfried

As Missouri Alumni & Associates prepares for the upcoming year, this quote expresses the A&A Executive Council's goals for 2002-2003. We want to see Missouri A&A actively involved throughout the year. The Executive Council has thought this possible and now it is time for the magic to start!

The A&A magic will start to build as we build a database of A&A members and their experiences. We hope this will help chapters and advisors utilize A&A members in their area for STAR Events, chapter fundraising, chapter trips, officer interviews, etc. Be sure to fill out the enclosed survey or the new membership form so we can add your

information to our A&A Expertise Database.

A new web page for A&A is in the works. Beverly Plymell, along with our other A&A officers, will be developing a web page for A&A members in the upcoming months. Be sure to watch for these exciting sections:

- A&A Bulletin Board
- Alumni Highlights (spotlights on former FCCLA members)
- A&A Activities

Missouri A&A will continue to support FCCLA through scholarships, the Legislative Shadowing Project, State Leadership Conference and the FCCLA store, and sending an assistant to the National Leadership Meeting.

This coming year promises to be full of A&A magic...be sure not to miss out!

New Membership Form for Missouri A&A

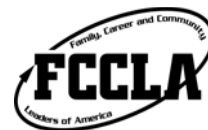
You'll notice in this mailing a copy of the new membership form for Missouri A&A. The Executive Council officers have redesigned the form (with the help of FCCLA secretary Connie Koechner)

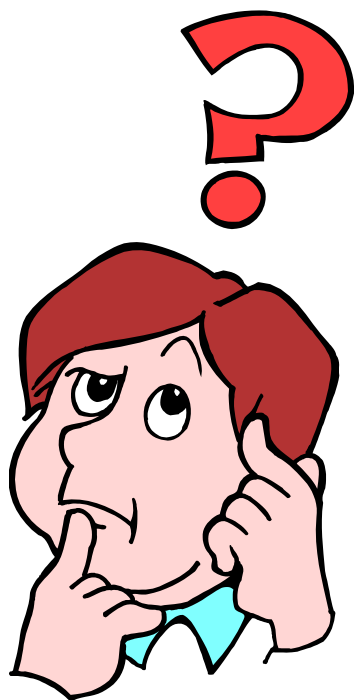
to give members the opportunity to share their

expertise and to let us know where they might be willing to help. Pass this form along to someone who might be interested in joining A&A as a new or returning member.

Past State Officer Reunion Being Planned!

For FCCLA's 60th anniversary in 2005, A&A is making plans for a reunion of all past Future Homemakers of America, New Homemakers of America and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America state officers. This will be a fun and exciting event! If anyone wants to assist with planning of the event, please contact Ardith Finke, State A&A President. Tentative plans are to hold the reunion during the 2005 State Leadership Conference.





What do Alumni & Associate Members “do?”

You probably joined A&A because you wanted to keep in touch with FCCLA friends, stay involved with FCCLA programs, or give support to the organization in general. Many who join soon wonder “what can I do as an A&A member?”

Here are some suggestions to keep you involved:

- Contact your local middle school or high school to volunteer to help the family and consumer sciences teacher with FCCLA. Teachers are sometimes overwhelmed by the many responsibilities they face each and every day. Occasional help from an

A&A member would probably be greatly appreciated!

- Volunteer to help with chapter projects, activities, mock job interviews, coaching/judging STAR Events entries, listening to officer speeches, etc.
- Donate money so a member can attend an upcoming regional or state meeting.
- Volunteer to help at the national Cluster Meeting or State Leadership Conference or state STAR Events. (Contact Christine Hollingsworth, the state advisor.)
- Volunteer to spend a day or even a few hours helping the state advisor get ready for State Leadership Conference. Help is needed especially in February and March. The only skill needed is the ability to work hard!
- Volunteer to help run the A&A store during State Leadership Conference.

Your level of involvement as an Alumni & Associate member with FCCLA is different than a student FCCLA member. You’ve moved from perhaps an active role in chapter activities to now a supporting role. Please use your past experiences with FCCLA to help new student members receive the best benefits of the organization – just like you did!

Fundraising Plans for Missouri A&A

As with every organization, A&A needs funds to help implement the plans and activities of the group. Most of the money comes from membership dues, but additional funds are generally needed. Funds will be raised this year through the FCCLA store at State Leadership Conference as well as the sale of conference t-shirts. Chapters will be able to order the t-shirts on their State Leadership Conference order form and will pick them up at registration. Proceeds from the sale of the shirts will go to A&A and the American Cancer Society. When members purchase this t-shirt, it will allow them dress down for the Business, Program and Membership Recognition Session during the conference. This should be a big incentive to many chapters and it is hoped to generate a large contribution to the American Cancer Society and to raise needed funds for A&A at the same time.

Anyone who might have ideas for ‘painless’ fundraising efforts for Missouri A&A, please contact one of the Executive Council. Every idea is appreciated!



Program of Work for 2002-2003

The Executive Council met in August to make plans for the 2002-2003 membership year. During this meeting, the Program of Work was determined and then approved. The following are highlights of the 2002-2003 Program of Work:

Recruitment and Public Relations –

- All members will receive state FCCLA mailings (may only contain high points of the mailings, sometimes not necessary to receive all forms, etc.)
- Revise membership form to include an experience or interest survey.
- Set up a new web page to include a bulletin board, surveys, etc. (This is currently being investigated.)

State Leadership Conference Plans –

- Provide assistance with STAR Events, Conference Assistants and the FCCLA Store.
- Host a workshop for graduating seniors and have the regular business meeting.
- Encourage Alumni & Achievement Award applicants.

Leadership Unlimited Plans –

- Provide one \$70 scholarship to a student attending Leadership Unlimited.

2003 National Leadership Meeting –

- Provide funding for Assistant to State Advisor

(approximately 1/3 of cost).

Legislative Shadowing Project –

- Assist with the selection and assignment process for this event.

Members are encouraged to contact any member of the Executive Council with input or suggestions concerning the Program of Work.

Mizzou FCCLA
Update

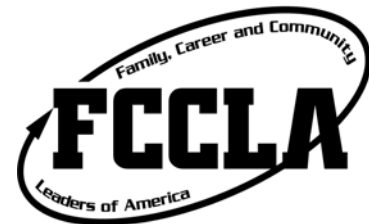
You might remember that last year, Mizzou FCCLA (Alumni & Associates chapter) was featured in an issue of *Teen Times*. The collegiate chapter at the University of Missouri-Columbia is still going strong. They have members from all three colleges in Columbia – MU, Stephens College and Columbia College. This fall they are looking forward to welcoming the incoming freshmen to the organization.

This past year Mizzou FCCLA helped with the Columbia Public Schools' FCCLA chapters. They organized a mini-conference for junior high students "Building a Spook-tacular World." The junior high students had workshops on STAR Events, team building, teen issues, pumpkin painting, FCCLA Info and even got to meet Truman the Tiger! Mizzou FCCLA members also serve on

several committees with the Columbia Public Schools FACS department. These include the FACS Advisory Committee and the Partners in Education Committee.

If chapter advisors would like a Mizzou FCCLA member to come to your school to talk or assist with a FCCLA chapter activity, please e-mail mizzoufccla@hotmail.com.

They are always looking for new members so please tell current and former students attending colleges in Columbia about this exciting opportunity to stay involved with FCCLA!



What's New With
Missouri FCCLA?

Christine Hollingsworth, State FCCLA Advisor

WOW – Missouri FCCLA had such an awesome year in 2001-2002! It sets the stage for an even BETTER 2002-2003 year! Membership in FCCLA is up (17%!) in Missouri and across the nation. Involvement is STAR Events continues to grow as new events are added and more members participate. It truly is an exciting time to be involved with Missouri FCCLA!

Missouri FCCLA is so excited to have another Missouri member serve on the National

Executive Council for FCCLA. Jamie Lunsford, a senior from Gallatin High School, was elected as the 2002-2003 National Vice President of Membership. Family and consumer sciences teacher Kathy Robertson is her advisor.

The 2002-2003 State Executive Council met in July to make plans for their year. They are a great group and really worked hard to come up with some new and exciting events for Missouri FCCLA members.

One of their major tasks during the meeting was to begin planning for the 2003 State Leadership Conference. They selected the theme "In the Zone with FCCLA" which will be an exciting one to work with as sessions and workshops are planned. The "Hand In Hand, We Can" Community Service program will continue to benefit the American Cancer Society, with a special event being planned to celebrate chapter achievements in this area. The conference schedule was redesigned to allow better use of the meeting facilities at the Holiday Inn Executive Center and to better meet the needs of the attendees. The conference will be held Sunday, March 30 – Tuesday, April 1, 2003.

Upcoming conferences include the A+ Conference and Leadership Unlimited in Lake Ozark, October 27-28. St. Louis will be the site of the National Cluster Meeting November 22-24. Enclosed in this mailing is a volunteer form – if you are able to assist with some host state duties - that

would be very much appreciated!

Be sure to visit the Missouri FCCLA section of the DESE web site to stay updated throughout the year – www.dese.state.mo.us/divvoted. Click on the Family and Consumer Sciences link and then on the FCCLA link.

Thanks to all the great Missouri A&A members for their support of FCCLA through the year. It is greatly appreciated!

Did you know you can support FCCLA by shopping? Yes, it's true! Go to www.fcclainc.org and click on the Home Galleria link. When you designate FCCLA as your charitable organization, they will receive a donation from the company with which you do online business. It works and is one way to get needed funding for the organization. Check out the online stores and see if they are some of the ones you normally shop. It's easy and it works!

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Enclosures

- *Revised Membership Form*
- *Current Member Survey*
- *Cluster Meeting Volunteer Form*

